

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 14, 2008  
10:10A.M.

**LOCATION:** Greensburg Learning Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)  
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedics)  
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)  
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Division Director, Fire and  
Building Safety

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Miller. Chairman Miller thanked Teresa Wise and Mike Cole of Decatur County EMS for the use of the facility.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**Myron Mackey offered a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Terri Hamilton. The motion passed.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

First Responders currently certified	6,398
EMTs to be certified this date	164
EMTs currently certified	16,448
EMTs recertified this date	10
EMT Basic Advanced to be certified this date	11
EMT Basic Advanced currently certified	1,258
EMT Basic Advanced recertified this date	0
EMT Paramedics to be certified this date	16
EMT Paramedics currently certified	2,981
EMT Paramedics recertified this date	4
EMT Intermediates to be certified this date	1
EMT Intermediates currently certified	167
EMT Intermediates recertified this date	0

## Temporary certificates issued:

EMT-B	6
EMT Paramedic	3

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1302

Tony Pagano reported to the commission that while the number of EMT certifications was at its highest level, the number of first responder certificates continues to drop.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization,	22

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	15
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	86
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	26
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	7
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	18
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	10
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, EMT	

Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	47
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	37
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	5
BLS Non-Transport Organization	331
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	83
Fixed Wing Air ambulance	1
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	16
Total	784

#### EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Vehicle Inspections	147
Provider/Hospital//Training Institution Applications	49
EMS Provider visits	86
EMS Provider Audits	09
EMS Training Institution Audits	01
Hospital Visits	05
Hospital Audits	03
EMT Written tests proctored	01

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain introduced Jason Smith as the Southeast District Manager. She also reported that she and Randy Fox, Dekalb EMS, met with Dave Smith and Dave Vice from IPSC regarding the inclusion of privately owned ambulance service access to the Hoosier Safe-T radio system. Mr. Smith is seeking guidance from the FCC regarding the use of public safety frequencies by private organizations.

Mr. Mackey stated that the commission needed to be aware that private provider organizations need to have a prosperous business if they are to keep up with the rest of society in offering benefits and good wages. There is a need for all organizations to work together. Ms. Crain responded that this is another example of why Indiana needs an active EMS association.

Ms. Crain stated that 7 of the 10 MCI trailers are now in place. Staff will be setting up the DPMU at the coroner's conference in Fort Wayne this coming June. Chairman Miller asked about the Homeland Security District Planning Councils. Ms. Crain responded that she thought the most active was District 3 but there was also activity in districts 10, 7, 8 and 9. She stated that she would get a schedule of the meetings and place them on the agency web page.

#### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Division Director Garvey reported that the agency was working with the Criminal Justice Institute on a grant to move the data collection program to a web based system. The change will have no effect on provider organizations.

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pagano responded to the commission's request for a survey of training institutions regarding the cost of adding training in 12-lead EKG training to the paramedic curriculum. He reported that only 2 of 28 responding institutions do not currently teach 12-lead. The only cost is for the text book which runs about \$30.00.

Lee Turpen presented a study on the financial impact to paramedic services if 12-lead administration becomes a basic skill. The impact on urban organization could be as much as \$403,485.60 in lost revenue per year and the annual loss to rural organizations could be as much as \$410,329.35.

Bob Atkins, Bedford Medical Center, reported that the American Heart Association is studying the need for sending but not interpreting 12-lead in the field. He stated that the purchase of equipment to receive the data could represent a major financial impact to hospitals.

Mr. Mackey expressed concern with the consistency of quality of training state-wide based on the proposed curriculum. Charles Valentine and Mr. Turpen stated that the training needs to be intense because of the impact if the crews are activating a cath lab.

**Mr. Turpen offered a motion to adopt the proposed curriculum as the minimum required 12-lead instruction for paramedic training. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion that the decision to allow the application of 12-lead by EMT-Basic and EMT Basic Advanced personnel be tabled indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### EMS Week

Division Director Garvey reported that EMS Week will be May 18 – 24, 2008, with a theme of “EMS: Your Life is Our Mission.” Providers can go to the ACEP website at [ACEP.org](http://ACEP.org) for ideas on how to celebrate.

### Emergency Response Conference

Once again the conference will be joined with the IFCA with sessions offered that interest both groups. It is possible that the conference will be held Thursday through Saturday instead of starting on Friday. Mr. Pagano is looking for volunteers to assist in choosing topics to be presented. The group will meet at Hendricks Community Hospital in Danville on March 28.

### EMS Restitution Fund

Ms. Crain presented a revised schedule of cost for the EMS Restitution Fund. She stated that the current schedule is 15 years old and is no longer appropriate. The fund allows provider organizations to recoup some of their expenses when responding to an accident involving an impaired driver. Organizations are encouraged to work with local prosecutors and judges to support the fund through fines.

The proposed schedule of costs is:

#### Basic Life Support Services

Basic fee with emergency response fee	337.00
Mileage	8.00

#### Advanced Life Support Services

ALS emergency response fee	500.00
Mileage	8.00

<u>Claim Administrative Cost</u>	30.00
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Ms. Crain will put information about the fund on the web page and also create a handout for providers.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to adopt the proposed schedule of costs. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 2008 Legislation

Director Garvey discussed legislation having an impact on EMS. Senate Bill No. 249, EMS Trauma Triage and Transportation, has been signed by the governor and will go into effect July 1. House Bill 1171, Autism Training will go into effect January 1, 2009. He cautioned providers to be alert for legislation mandating training for EMS personnel. He said the potential for mandated training on every medical condition that has a lobbying group could have a serious impact on EMS education.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### Renewal of Emergency Orders of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has renewed the following:

Order No. 12 -2007, Lucas Martindale, paramedic #39796

Order No. 15- 2007, Gretchen Winger, Paramedic #50535

Order No. 16- 2007, Lee Goldstein, EMT #59100

### Findings and Order on the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security Probationary Status Order

Cause No. 02 -2008, Brandon Stephens, EMT #64020, 2 year probation

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to affirm the order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.**

Cause No. 03- 2008, Mark Grell, EMT #25411, 2 year probation

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to affirm the order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.**

### Request for Evidentiary Hearing

Order No. 16- 2007, Lee Goldstein, EMT #59100

No action was needed because the suspension period has expired.

### Non-Final Order of Administrative Law Judge

Cause No. 07-02, Lifeteam of Indiana Corp., 2 year suspension ending August 16, 2009

Ms. Crain reported that the organization is out of business.

**Mr. Gordon offered a motion to affirm the order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.**

## **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:**

### Provider Waiver Requests

EMS District Manager Jason Smith presented the following:

*Switzerland County EMS, 836 IAC2-2-1(h)(4), 1-2-4, Staffing on Paramedic ambulance response*

The request is to allow a first responder to replace the EMT as the driver. Randy See, Director of Switzerland County EMS, was present to speak in favor of the request.

**Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.**

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following:

*Spencer County EMS, 836 IAC 2-7.2-1(g), 1-4-1, Staffing on intermediate ambulance response*

The request is to allow a first responder to replace the EMT as the driver. Jane Stout, Director of Spencer County EMS, was present to speak in favor of the request.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.**

Mr. Mackey stated that the rule requiring an EMT as the second person on an ALS response was a bad rule and needed to be changed. Mr. Turpen added that there is no evidence that the crew configuration has an impact on patient outcome.

### EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Mr. Pagano presented the following request:

*Brandon Klein, EMT Course Graduate, requesting additional time to take written certification examination*

Brandon Kline was present to speak in favor of the request.

Staff's recommendation is to allow Mr. Kline to complete the testing process and require he retake the practical examination. He must complete the process and be certified by June 1, 2008

Chairman Miller asked Mr. Kline if the June 1 deadline presented a problem. He said no.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.**



**COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:**

Director Garvey announced that effective at the end of the day the agency will have a new director. Director Dietz is returning to Purdue University. Joe Wainscott, currently Division Director of Training and Certification has been appointed as his replacement. He also reminded the audience that the Public Representative position on the commission is still vacant. If they know of a non-EMS person interested in applying, they can apply on the Governor's website at [www.in.gov\gov](http://www.in.gov/gov) under Boards and Commissions.

**2008 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Friday May 16, 2008

Friday, July 25, 2008 (tentative)

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Friday, November, 14, 2007

Locations will be announced at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM.